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FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Correspondence to the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 11, 1855.

Another failure yesterday, I perceive, in the mail from this City to New-York, as no Washington letters of Tuesday night appear in the papers of to-day. What can be the cause of this? Can it be the fogs on the bay, which prevent the boat getting up from Amboy? If so, why cannot some enterprising man be made to send the newspaper letters from Philadelphia to New-York by the late railroad route? That would get them to your City by 10 o'clock at night, when they could be promptly delivered if immediately distributed. The news mail between this city and New-York ought not to be subject to detention by fog, unavoidable frequently, on the Camden and Amboy route. The Post-Office Department will earn the thanks of the Press, by providing some remedy.

The chief point of interest in Congress to-day, was Mr. CHANDLER's speech in defence of the Roman Catholic Church, from the charges made against it in the several Know-Nothing speeches already made in the three days' debate this Session. It was very eloquent, and evidently sincere; but there are a dozen reporters to the honor of announcing it. The other point on which it will be anxious, in the mind of the Metropolis, that Congress should come to a decision, is that the Church seeks to exercise a controlling influence over the political action of its devotees. The effort will be made within a few days, to show, by detailed references to history, how, whenever and wherever the Roman Church has been able to do so, it has assumed political control, and made an ecclesiastic the head of the Civil Government, as well as of the Church itself; and that this progress of temporal power has always been just in proportion to the progress of the spiritual.

Mr. BENJAMIN, of La., appeared in his seat in the Senate to-day. It is well understood that he brought with him from Ecuador some confidential treaty or compact; but whether it is a treaty for the cession of the Galleguas Islands, or only a compact guaranteeing the protection of American citizens in the enjoyment of certain Proprietary or Commercial rights they may have acquired there, is not known. I am inclined to think the latter is the most likely to be true.

Mr. BRIGHT has gone to Louisiana. It had been supposed that he had a reliable majority of fifteen in the Legislature of that State, for his reelection to the Senate. But, I am told that he received intelligence a few days ago of some movement which threatened his defeat, in consequence of which he precipited at once to the seat of war, to command in person. If he reaches Baton Rouge in time, my word for it he will win.

To-morrow is the day on which the Board of Regents is to decide the question of legality of the conduct of the Smithsonian Institution during the last year or two. There is some reason to fear that a majority of these Regents who are present have already committed themselves in favor of the right of the Board to reverse the act of Congress disposing of the SMITHSON bequest, by going back to interpret the will of SMITHSON himself—a new exemplification, perhaps, of that paradoxical "longest way around, the shortest way home."

Well, be it so. There is an appeal from the Board of Regents to the power that created it; and that appeal will be promptly taken. In the halls of Congress the questions at issue will be openly discussed, at all events, while now the meetings of the Board are as confidential as is the discussion of a treaty by the Senate. Before that tribunal, men will be compelled to look at the real merits of the question, and stand or fall by them, instead of, as now, dodging the question altogether, by arguing the usefulness instead of the legality of the course now pursued in the conduct of the Smithsonian.

Rev. Mr. MILLBURN, Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the United States, starts for New-England next week, on a three or four weeks' lecturing tour. One of the lectures he proposes to deliver, is entitled "The Ride, Axe and Saddle-bags." It is a vivid delineation of early Western character and civilization, based on history, tradition and experience. The lecturer's youth and early ministry being passed in a new country, he was of course thrown into intimate association with pioneers, and brought in daily contact with every form of frontier life, and has thus acquired a right to speak of them. During Mr. MILLBURN's first two years as preacher, he traveled six thousand miles on horseback, and preached about seven hundred times, living for the most part on corn dodgers and bacon. He ought to know something of frontier life; and his well known eloquence and varied attainments do him admirably to interest, amuse and instruct an audience on any subject on which he addresses his efforts.

Another of Mr. MILLBURN's lectures bears the touching title of "Songs in the Night, or Triumphs of Genius over Blindness," in which he has grouped together numerous illustrations of what genius has enabled men to do in literature, art, science and military, even while living in the darkness of perpetual night. This is a genuinely original subject, that no doubt will prove successful; inquiry in this Metropolis will be interested to find the number of those who, notwithstanding this terrible privation, have found their way to eminence and to fame. These associations which have been so fortunate as to make arrangements with Mr. MILLBURN to deliver these lectures in their presence, will find they have secured a rich repast.

The guests at the National Hotel, had one of the finest balls of the season this evening, furnished them, I believe, by the proprietor. The company numbered some three hundred gentlemen and ladies—the music was excellent, and the supper table did great credit to the house, and its management. I fear I have omitted heretofore to notice that the National was extensively altered and refitted just before the meeting of Congress, and is now under the superior management of one of the brothers WILLARD, who knows exactly what a hotel ought to be, and is unremitting in personal attentions to the comfort of his guests. *.

Increase of the Navy.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 13, 1855.

The Secretary of the Navy has sent in the following suggestions, in answer to a communication from the Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, in the House of Representatives, asking him to lay before the Committee any specific measure of Naval increase he might have to propose, and especially a statement as to what number of new vessels he desired to have constructed, their size and description, and the reasons therefor:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 29, 1854.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th inst., in which, referring to the recommendation in my annual report for a further increase of the Navy, you state that "the Committee on Naval Affairs, of the House of Representatives have had said recommendation under consideration, and have instructed me (you) to request you (me) to lay before the Committee, as soon as convenient, any specific measure of increase which you (I) may have to propose."

And further, that "the Committee desire to know especially what number of new vessels you (I) deem shall be authorized to be constructed, of what size and description, and the reasons upon which you (I) based your (my) proposition."

With the six steam-frigates ordered at the last session, the *Franklin*, the *Sabine*, and the *Santee* added to the Naval force, our strength in that powerful class of vessels will be very materially increased.

Five of the new steam-frigates are modeled by the constructor whose genius is peculiarly illustrated in the *Susquehanna*, the *Constellation*, the *Macedonian*, the *Germantown*, the *Dale*, and the *Preble*, and other vessels which are now entering the service. They are being built under the personal superintendence of competent naval constructors, of established reputation. The sixth is modeled and being constructed by an eminent builder in New-York; and although she will carry fewer guns, they will be of the heaviest calibre.

The five steam-frigates, as well as the *Santee*, *Sabine*, and *Preble*, much improved by the skillful constructors in charge of them, can each carry a battery of fifty guns, which the Department designs shall be of the largest calibre and most approved plan.

Vessels of this formidable character, however, are of great draught, and require a depth of water of more than twenty feet. We have many important harbors along the coast which they could not enter either for defence or refuge. They could not pass over the bars of Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, New-Orleans, Galveston, and points both north and south. The experience of other nations and recent events in naval warfare demonstrate the great value and labor, in numerous emergencies, of smaller steamers of well-armed vessels of lighter draught. We have now on hand in the different navy yards seven steamers for service, of well-approved design. I recommend that Congress authorize the construction of seven steam sloops-of-war of less than eighteen feet draught of water. I propose that they carry an armament each of about twenty or twenty-four guns of heavy calibre.

My notice of the great advantages of steam are so great as to justify the policy of building these steamers. The time will be far from distant when the nations bearing the heavy guns will be obsolete. The steam fleet shall then be of the same number of guns as the sailing fleet.

If any suppose this is a large increase, I might not say that I am advised by the Chief of the Bureau of Construction, that, should Congress so direct, within three months from the day, perhaps, I may have in the service, or ready for service, twenty-five or thirty steam-vessels, of the class I have mentioned, and within six months from the date of the order, twenty-five or thirty more, and yet not be ready to meet the demand of the service.

It may be asked by some whether this is contrived as a sudden measure, and whether I propose to engage no further addition to the number of ships. The course I suggest is a regular, gradual, steady increase, and the preliminary step of replacing in the navy, as rapidly as possible, the timber used up in building the frigates and sloops. The Chief of the Bureau of Construction will estimate, when directed, the full cost of the vessels, embracing the timber for the frigates. If the appropriation is made, then the Bureau will be instructed to build them—use the timber on hand, and with the unexpended fund replace as far and rapidly as possible the supply of timber. Thus we can be building and replacing the timber used, and be in a state of readiness for prompt and continued increase. The navy-yards should never be without a supply of timber.

I am, very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

J. C. DOBBIN.

Hon. THOMAS S. BOCOCK, Chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, House of Representatives.

Letter from Capt. Gibson to the Secretary of State.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 13, 1855.

I have obtained from an authentic source two copies of official documents on file at the State Department—one, the last letter addressed to the Secretary of State by Captain W. M. GIBSON, in connection with his claim for indemnity from the Government of Holland, and the other what purports to be a letter from the same gentleman to the Governor General of Netherlands India, confessing his sins and suing for mercy. The first of these will be found an able argument of the duty of our Government in reference to the author's case, and will be read, I am sure, with interest and profit.

The other document is, to say the least, a very singular one. And it is a little remarkable, too, that it was not sent to Congress with the rest of GIBSON's correspondence. There is a mystery about this which I cannot understand. This letter is referred to several times in the published correspondence, and the Dutch Minister, VAN HALL, communicated a copy of it to our Government long since; and yet it was not sent in to Congress with the other papers in the case. This fact certainly indicates that the President thinks it unworthy of credence; that he is satisfied, from other concurrent testimony, of the truth of what I understand Capt. GIBSON said to the State Department on the subject, to wit: that it contains simply of garbled extracts from a long letter of twenty-five or thirty pages, which he addressed to the Governor General.

Without desiring to plead GIBSON's case upon its merits, it is but just to accompany this pretended letter of his, (which is given by the Dutch as an entirety,) with one or two extracts from documents published by the State Department, which throw some light on the subject. The following is an extract from an affidavit made by GORHAM P. BASSETT, of Boston:

I saw Mr. GIBSON frequently at the Prison of Weltevreden, during a stay of a few weeks at Batavia. I understood that he had been recommended by Mr. ALFRED REED, United States Commercial Agent at Batavia, by Mr. E. W. CRAMBRUS, the acting Agent after Mr. REED's departure for the United States, and by his counsel and his friends generally, to address a memorial to the *Governor-General*, in which, *though denying the charge of "high treason," he should admit the improprietes of manner or language he might have fallen into in consequence of his ignorance of the country*, and throw himself upon the good offices of the Governor-General to stay the proceedings of justice and allow him to depart with his vessel. It was believed by these counsellors of Mr. GIBSON that the Governor-General was anxious for an excuse to make a quiet disposition of the affair. In consequence of this, Mr. GIBSON addressed a memorial to the Governor-General of Netherlands India, accompanied by many vouchers, of which I was required to be the bearer.

This memorial, addressed to the Governor-General, to which no reply was ever received, was, I understand, from the hand of Mr. CRAMBRUS, the acting Agent, by your Memorialist, who had been designated by your friends to deliver it, without knowing the exact crime with which Mr. GIBSON was charged, beyond a vague acknowledgment of having given offence to the authorities by impredence of language, and by having infringed some of the local regulations of the island, in sending a messenger to the interior without the required passport. In his very beginning GIBSON says: "I now desire to do so without any feeling of attempt to excuse, but rather to throw myself wholly upon your Excellency's clemency, and that of your Government."

Trusting in the magnanimity of a person holding the high position of his Majesty's supreme representative in Netherlands India, it was natural that I at first should have deemed it out of place to attempt a defence which, in itself, became a protest against the justice of the treatment to which he had been subjected. He had addressed a similar and more lengthy communication to the Governor-General, under date the 16th February, giving a full and candid history of his whole life, up to the day of his arrestation, and accompanied by testimonials of the respectability and worth of his signature from persons of the highest standing in the United States, some of whom are personally known to myself. This implicit trust in the generosity and high-toned feeling of the Governor-General, deserved certainly a better fate than to have the confessions of his errors stated, as they undoubtedly were, with a view to give a greater merit to the implored magnanimity of that functionary, produced as evidence of his guilt.

But I have not room for further reference to this case. I send, herewith, complete copies of all the correspondence transmitted to Congress, from which you can make such additional extracts as the reading public will find of interest.

Mr. LATHAM, of California, acquitted himself, as he always does, with great credit to himself and honor to his State, in a speech in favor of the establishment of a line of steamers between San Francisco and Shanghai, China—a twin measure to the Pacific Railroad, but one which ought to pass at once even *without* the railroad itself. Mr. L. was listened to with marked attention and interest, and the facts he presented, if permitted to have their rightful influence upon the minds of members, cannot fail to secure many votes for the measure.

I do not say that the President has taken or will take any measures to procure the release of the captain and crew of the schooner *John G. White*, seized at Baracoa, Cuba, but he has given the matter his earnest attention, and unless I am misinformed, he will do so, if he has not already. The Government is in possession of facts showing the cruelty to which they are subjected in the prison at Havana, and affording reasonable ground on which to interfere decidedly in their behalf. *.

Letter from Captain Gibson to the Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1855.

Hon. Wm. L. Marcy, Secretary of State:

SIR: I am aware that when a citizen calls upon his Government to adopt energetic measures to redress an injury, personal to himself, the prevailing feeling is that it is more convenient to evade the appeal than attend to his grievance; that one's enemies, under such circumstances, are shameless and bitter, that they have sometimes found a willing ear in Governments, or for fragmental of what is due to their own dignity as to prefer a convenient escape from responsibility to incurring the possible mischances that often attend even the discharge of duty.

I have to acknowledge that my Government has been influenced by higher considerations; that although it has listened to whatever my enemies have brought to my charge; yet, dealing upon a principle, familiar to you, Sir, as a lawyer, it has rejected the consideration of my merits or demerits in private life, as not involved in a claim against a foreign Government for redress for specified grievances. No one perceived more clearly than yourself, that an assumption on the part of Government of the right to preposition for treasons of character to the degree of responsibility in which the applicant is held, involved an element of aristocratic discrimination, inconsistent with the relations of our Government to the people.

Prompt action was taken by the Government on my case, the State Department, I understand, on the ground whereon each of the two previous requests it had to interfere at that time to avoid consideration of my personal and private character and conduct. Not having perused those communications, I can only judge of their character by the fact, that after their careful examination and consideration, the Government not only recognized my claims on the score of exact justice, but expressed them in a manner that indicated a clear conviction of their highly meritorious character.

I have deemed it proper to make the foregoing allusions to clear myself from the imputation of having listened to insinuations, attributing the delay which has occurred in the action of the Government on my case, since its final peremptory demand upon the Dutch Government was rejected, to hesitation on the part of the Government in reference to considerations fully weighed before negotiations were opened at the Hague. Such an insinuation would ill requite the vigor with which the State Department has pressed, in my behalf, the peaceful means of diplomacy, and would place the Government in the unpleasant light of hesitating to act in the last resort on grounds deemed sufficient to justify the most energetic demands upon a foreign government.

The circumstance that my last communication to the Department of Nov. 11, has received no formal notice, and the view suggested in our last interview, on the 21st November last, lead me to address the Department officially upon the subject of that interview.

I am aware that the Department has given serious consideration to the question how far the claims of citizens for protection or for redress may be pursued by their Government, when their person or property have been affected by an adjudication proceeding under the laws of a foreign state within whose territorial jurisdiction they have been found. That doctrine on this subject existed prior to the final dispatch from Mr. BUCHANAN to the Dutch Minister at the Hague, I am assured from intimations contained in an official note received by me from the State Department, in reply to my application for the intervention of the Government in behalf of the liberation of Mr. CHARLES M. GRAHAM, late mate of the *Flirt*, from imprisonment at Batavia.

I had supposed, however, that that question was adjudicated by the Government prior to the conclusion of diplomatic intercourse with the Hague relative to my case. This conclusion is drawn from the reply of the Dutch Minister to the early dispatches of Mr. BUCHANAN, based the refusal of that Government to yield to the demands conveyed through Mr. BENJAMIN on the very ground under consideration, namely, that I had been convicted of crime under the laws of Netherlands India, and that the formality of the procedure excluded our Government from inquiring into its objects, its motives, or its justice.

Mr. BUCHANAN's first dispatch ignored the validity of this ground, and peremptorily demanded the reinstatement of my claims. I have been led to suppose that the position assumed by Mr. BUCHANAN received the approbation of the President and of the State Department—that, so far from receiving censure, he has been commended for the energetic attitude he assumed.

The reference to Mr. BUCHANAN's course is not urged as affording a reason for declining further consideration of the question, but as explaining its true bearing on my case.

Questions of reclamation arise not only out of the manner in which the laws of foreign States are administered by their courts of justice, as affecting persons and property of our citizens, but under the laws themselves and the systems of polity which they represent. Independent of the right that results from express or tacit compacts, a nation that shuts its doors against all foreigners, or confers the privilege of access upon a favored nation or class of persons, gives no offence to those excluded, for it is an undoubted exercise of sovereignty. Unless such a State refuses to recognize the laws of humanity, and maltreats those who are, without their fault, thrown upon its shores, as in the case of Japan, we have no right to resist its authority.

But the European States and their dependencies, constituting the family of civilized nations, stand in a very different relation to each other in reference to this right of access. It would not be permitted at this day for any one of the European States to close its territory against the citizens of other States, making there the subjects of prisons, and punishing its laws. Such an act of serious hostility to the existing State would be just cause of offence. And a State jealous of its honor would yield to no terms of accommodation while such an odious restriction existed. The right of the excluded State is not based altogether upon the express treaty and stipulations regarding such privilege upon its subject, but is derived from the very nature and obligations of the State naturally as interpreted by the general law of European States.

If such a State seizes, or confines, all citizens of the United States from Cuba, what statesman would advise to concede that the right of consular intercourse, or other privilege, is not its money or life? Africa, since 1815, has shown the same in the case of those who, in many cases, with no more of the Slave States. This is an adherence of a principle rather than a [illegible] of a fact; and it matters to the determination of the Netherlands Indian Government, as to the Slave States, [illegible]

Having thus the right to enter the territories of the Netherlands India Government, I am again compelled with other nations, to [illegible] to the laws of the country, [illegible] to protect them as his own subjects, [illegible] to make them serve as tools in his hands, as native servants.

Now, otherwise, could the privilege be converted into a [illegible] of the laws of justice and humanity? [illegible] equally they would not have attempted. To openly violate the treaty, they would be too wanton, but, [illegible] the [illegible] of a violation of the law, to [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of

[illegible] Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1854.

[illegible]—an uncouth corruption of Livorno, the official Italian name—is not only the chief port of Tuscany, but is one of the most frequented in the Mediterranean. It lies [illegible] plain, which spreads outward for several miles, and behind which the Appennines rise in successful ridges, distinctly visible as you approach the town, and giving the whole scenery quite southern boldness.

The city from the sea presents only a fringe of masts and rigging in the foreground, with a few church domes and towers squatted behind them. We came to an anchorage amid a [illegible] of sea and harbor craft, about 9 o'clock in the morning. Leghorn is called a free port, but let those who have indulged in the delicious dream that free trade abolishes [illegible] port regulations, and all the vexatious obstructions placed in the path of the traveler, indulge it no longer. We were detained three hours at our anchorage for the Captain to make his declaration, the Health Officer his examination, and the police their scrutiny of the passports. While waiting, we surveyed the shipping around, which presented the flags of all European nations, and of several American ones. There were a number of Greek sloops and schooners, the rustiest little craft to be seen, with rusty little crew and a rusty little [illegible] to be distinguished by his dress as the consummate seaman. They looked [illegible] as crabs or lobsters, more accustomed to the water than to the land; their rude vessels seemed endowed with life and intelligence, or, at least, a strange sort of docility, so easily and obediently did they glide about, apparently following their course by intuition.

At last, soon we were taken into boats, pell-mell with our baggage, and sculled up to the Custom-House, where we were received by files of Austrian soldiers. In no place upon the Continent have I ever seen luggage scrutinized with such severity as in this precious free port. The objects of the search were tobacco and playing-cards, monopolies of the Government. They first ask the traveler if he has any of these contraband articles to declare, and upon his declaring "No," they immediately proceed to a more satisfactory personal examination. This examination only [illegible] Leghorn; for you have the city fairly entered, your trunks are again opened for ordinary examination of the Tuscan Custom-House. If you are willing to pay a couple of dollars, you can send for an officer to your hotel, and have the examination effected there. Beds are put on, and your baggage is thus finally "good for Florence."

Once admitted to the hospitalities of Leghorn, we established ourselves at the Hotel Vittoria. We were no sooner seated at the fire, than a large album, with superb gems and richly chased initials, was brought in and immediately laid upon the table. It was then opened by the servant, and our attention directed to it. We inscribed our names, but as we had not an experience of the management of the hotel, we did not add, as seemed to have been the practice of our predecessors, that we had found it so embrace every species of comfort, cleanliness, a good table, attentive waiters, a kind landlord, reasonable charges, and general quiet, comfort and contentment. We might, no doubt, have ventured this much in sentiment, for we saw that Mylord This, and My Lady That, and Sir Something Nothing with lots of American nobodies, had been before us in the same book, and doubtless had set the example. After two days, however, nothing more of our host. We had no [illegible] complaining, in reasonable and [illegible] manner, our decided satisfaction. This we did cordially, for this puffing yourself, in puffing a hotel, requires the complacency of an accomplished traveler.

Leghorn is almost entirely indebted to its commerce for its familiarity in the eye of the world. It contains some 80,000 inhabitants, among them 7,000 Jews. These, and a few Greek merchants, are the richest men in the place. It is, comparatively, a modern city, the antiquarians carry its history back to Roman times. Pisa having fallen with all its commerce, it remained for a few persons—Jews, Puseyites—who believe an incredible myth or a miracle more readily than a substantial, well-proved fact.

It appears that Leghorn was a place of some commercial importance in the fourteenth century, but the founder of the present city was Ferdinand I., who erected most of the existing public buildings about the year 1550. At that time the population was only 7,000. Ferdinand invited the inhabitants of every nation to Leghorn, and in consequence there were Greeks, discontented with the government of their country by the Genoese; Moors and Jews, flying from the persecutions of the Princes of Spain; traders from Marseilles, and merchants from Provence, seeking to escape the horrors of war which then desolated France. The same policy was pursued by other Sovereigns, and Cosmo II., about 1610, received 8,000 of the Moors expelled by Philip III. of Spain. He set them to work to embank the *Maremma*, or unwholesome marsh lands, which spread to a great extent to the northward east of the city.

The Leghorn mart was one of the most permanent of the immortal establishments of the Medician dynasty. It has a local Government, called the *Chamber of Commerce*, representing the commercial community. It consists of twelve merchants, chosen from those of the first classes. The business of the place is steady and generally thriving. Not only has the population an extremely varied and specific character in the sense of a composed of all nations, in which individual costume and physiognomy have not yet melted into any uniform commonplacedom—yet the shops and stalls present, to an unusual extent, samples of the productions and wares of the rest of the world—the wrought fabrics of Great Britain, the [illegible] manufactures of France, the carpets of Turkey, the burnooses of Algeria, codfish from Nova Scotia, and corn-cakes from New-York. All these articles may be purchased at prices not much above those of the places from which they come—in this point of view, Leghorn being, in reality, a porte franche, and levying no duties, though it virtually protects its manufactories.

Leghorn possesses few objects of art worthy of notice. The guide books are reduced to the necessity of noting, as one of the monuments, the Turkish *Marzocco*, which is only remarkable as a block, a line, for a weather-cock. The statue of the Duomo has the hose or [illegible] designed by Giuseppe Jolanti. It is [illegible] and very expressive the [illegible] of English church architecture, all religions are here represented, to have their chapels [illegible] worship. This is of more value, a thousand times over, to religion itself, than St. Peter's at Rome. The monument of true religious liberty is one that stands indifferent to the [illegible] the cleanly [illegible] crabed [illegible] Jew, Infidel or Christian, kneeling at the feet of God. The lofty church which obtains its hold on adoration, with its aisles and domes and its unknown edge worship beyond it, confines religion of the heart to its own precincts. The piety of St. Peter's may rise 500 feet—for such is the elevation of its dome—the religion of universal toleration reaches as high as that temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

The English Chapel here is regularly served. Among numerous beautiful monuments in its cemetery, are those of SMOLLETT, FRANCIS HORNER and others. This was, until lately, the only tolerated English burying ground in Italy. The Greeks have two churches—one orthodox, acknowledging the Grand Patriarch as its head—the other being merged in the Church of Rome. The former shows some very handsome vestments and other church paraphernalia, presented by the Czar of Russia, still including the Crimea.

As to Leghorn itself, it occupies a level space and is substantially built. It is admirably paved with flat polygonic slabs of schistose granite. Some elevations in the vicinity present numerous elegant villas belonging to the rich Livornese, or serving as the sea coast seats of the Florentines.

We had few adventures here, except that a family traveling with us, after arriving at the hotel, missed one of its trunks—one in ten. A proper fuss was of course made about it. The agents of the steamer and the Delegate of the Port manifested great concern in the matter. The Corporal of the Gendarmes, who was responsible for any losses traceable to them, talked impressively and convincingly, indeed, about his and their honor. The police furnished a list of all the passengers by the *Bosphorus*, their age, profession and destination, to guide the losers in their researches. Among them figured our five bishops, the Cardinal of Besançon and the Franciscan friars. As the interested parties did not suspect anybody in particular, they let the matter slide. A week after—you will notice by the date that ten days have elapsed since my last,—the trunk bolted in upon them at Florence, having been carried off by the steamer to Civita Vecchia, and sent back thence by a coasting vessel. It was received with a shout of welcome, and was opened in an imperceptible jiffy. Ladies' ruffs and tarlatane skirts, Vinaik-Este shoes and Jouvin kiff other gloves, multifarious common-place articles, rendered interesting by separation and the idea that they had gone to the bottom, underwent all the endearing ceremonies of the most lively affection.

Another incident, which I ought not to write, may serve as a warning to those who imagine that language may be successfully replaced by pantomime. An English youth, who could neither speak nor understand one word of Italian, undertook to buy an apple at Leghorn—apples, by the way, of a tough, fibrous and bitterish taste being abundant,—and he came near being mobbed therefor. He met a girl, in a lonesome street, with a basket containing three qualities of apples, in three divisions. He approached, took up an apple, and intimated his desire to give in exchange two bright Louis Napoleon sous, which he offered to her view. She said something which he took for acquiescence, and he, depositing the sous upon her basket, and sticking his teeth into his juicy purchase, walked along. Pretty soon he heard a clatter at his heels, and on looking round he saw the girl and about twenty other persons—beggars, apple-women, chestnut-men, turnip-boys, and other odd-looking people—all in a state of spontaneous combustion. Our youth paused, and the crowd gathered about him murmuring like the foam in the wake of a whale. Not a word could he utter or comprehend. He began to be decidedly alarmed, especially as he saw more coats and petticoats fluttering in the distance and gathering to the scene of uproar. A happy thought struck him: French copper was evidently uncurrent, but whatever might be the discount on French silver, enough would remain upon any such coin to indemnify the despoiled apple girl. He thrust his hand into his pocket, pulled out a two franc piece and put it into her palm. "Bene, bene," said she. "Bene, bene," said the crowd. "Beany, beany," said the youth, and walked tall-ly away. He returned straight to the hotel, but so cowed was he that he did not dare to tell the story till a week afterwards, at Florence.

After two days' stay at Leghorn, we took our passage on the Leopold Railroad for this city, a distance of some 60 miles. The road itself and the stations do not display that lavish expense and elaborate finish which characterize the French lines. The rails are laid in the most primitive manner upon exposed wooden sleepers, and fences of separation are not considered absolutely indispensable. The line bears a close resemblance in aspect to the Boston and Providence road. The stations are of stone, but are neither extensive nor elegant.

For several miles our path lay through the Maremma, portions of which are redeemed and laid down to meadows. The ample stacks of hay seen here indicate its fertility. Large tracts are left to wild pastures, and portions are overgrown with scrubbly oak and thick jungles. These are the retreats of numerous wild boars, which furnish a succulent corner of the Florence market. It is curious to see one of the finest native quadrupeds of Europe still rioting about so populous a country as Tuscany.

As we approached Pisa, the land assumed the character so often described—its surface divided into small parcels, square or oblong, by straight lines of trees set on each side of ditches or trenches, which, in wet seasons, operate as drains. These trees are usually mulberries, their twigs being constantly cut off to feed the immense number of silk worms reared by the inhabitants. They all consist of trunks eight to twelve feet high, which have been often trimmed down, and bear a close resemblance to our swamp willows subjected to the same operation. These trees are loaded with grape vines, which cluster to their tops. The intermediate grounds are most skillfully cultivated, producing principally wheat, Indian corn, and potatoes. Occasionally, on the slopes of the hills, the pale olive orchards, somewhat resembling New-Jersey peach grounds, are reared in mathematical parallels.

The great features of Tuscan industry are thus presented to the eye of the traveler upon the very surface of the landscape—silk, wine, oil and corn—four of the richest products of a cultivated soil. BYRON has put his opinion upon record, that the "citron and olive are fairest of fruits." Nothing can be more erroneous, it seems to me, as far as the olive is concerned, if we speak of landscape beauty. The leaf of the olive tree is of a pallid line, and its effect upon the scene, where it prevails extensively, is to render it chill and dreary. The under side of the leaf is silvered, and our native aspen, and even the willows, bristle thence gray, cold tinges [illegible] the main tree.

As to vineyards, those who have never seen them have a conception of them, at best, cold and picturesque with the world. This is no error, again in Tuscany, the vineyards consist of vines four feet high and four feet apart, each stem tied to a stake. The general aspect is even less picturesque than that of our New-England pole-beans, or Indian corn fields with the stalks cut. A field of our maize, by the way, in full growth, its tasseled tips fluttering in the breeze, is the most graceful crop in the world—a rich, singing, riotous sign of Summer, succotash, hasty pudding and the stars and stripes. What are these scraggly Tuscan vineyards, the vines mounted on stumps of mulberries, in comparison?

We traveled at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and soon reached Pisa. We caught a glimpse of a church-tower, and saw the shaggy brow of a cliff rising behind the town; but the leaning tower, of which we had hoped to get a glance as we passed, was nowhere to be found. As Pisa lives upon its tower, the station would naturally be located at a point where that edifice could not be seen, rendering a carriage, a guide-book and a cicerone indispensably necessary—each traveler thus being compelled to leave a small sum behind him. However, as we meant to go back to Pisa, and give it a day to itself, we were less disappointed, though none the less surprised, at this unexplained reserve on the part of the famous tower.

We caught frequent glimpses now of the "Yellow Arno," and yellow enough it is—yellow being an elegant term for the more descriptive word, turbid. It is a mere mountain torrent, with a bed 600 feet wide; during three quarters of the year, the actual stream is reduced, in many places, to a width of 50 feet. Its basin consists, to a great extent, of mountain declivities, which in a few hours, empty the body of the rains into its channel. It then rages along its banks for some days, then sinking again into a narrow, fitful stream, crossing and recrossing its wide channel of barren gravel, in which, at low seasons may be seen men sifting sand, and loading doney carts with pebbles. The soil is generally a ferruginous loam, which gives to the river its yellow or turbid character. It requires a strong Italian bout to regard it as any thing but a very vulgar water course,—in itself considered.

A little beyond Pisa, we came to the towered settlement of "San Miniato of the Germans." This is one of the half dozen towns in Tuscany possessing a golden book, in which plebeians can inscribe their names and thus become ennobled. The fee is three hundred dollars and upward, and numerous counts, marquises and barons have been manufactured in this way. Our party, all of them patricians by right of their American birth, thought the privilege attaching to San Miniato a very funny one. A good many of the English Lords and Sirs floating about on the continent have thus acquired their distinction. I would advise such of our American mammas as are ambitious of titles for their daughters, to marry them to plain homespun Smiths, and buy their coat of arms at San Miniato, rather than throw them at the feet of dissolute and worthless sprigs of European nobility, whose price for wedding a Yankee is from two hundred thousand dollars to half a million. My plan is vastly more economical, much safer, and as a transaction, equally honorable to all concerned.

DICK TINTO.

The Slavery Question Judged by a European Republican.

An Account of the Slavery Question in the United States: (Die Sklavenfrage in der Vereinigten Staaten von Friedrich Kapp.) has lately been published in Gottingen. The author, who has spent five years in the Northern and Southern United States, has apparently acquitted himself of the task of comprehending the elements of our complicated politics much more successfully than most foreigners who have had the benefit of a much longer residence among us. The work under notice is devoted especially to a history and analysis of the various difficulties growing out of the existence of African Slavery in a part of the Union, and a critical study of the influence of the institution on the character of our statesmanship and the development of our national character. An unusual interest attaches to this production, from the fact that Mr. FR. KAPP is the first writer on the United States who views us from the stand-point of European Republicanism; and that his views will be received with peculiar confidence by that class in Germany and France who are supposed to regard our Government with the most favor.

Looking retrospectively upon our politics, the author divides our history into two periods. In the first of these, commencing with our Declaration of Independence, he considers that it was the best and purpose of our statesmen to realize a political state which should be favorable to the happiness of the people, through its tendency to encourage simplicity of customs, self-respect, and virtue. The patriarchal likings and idyllic agriculture of this early era gradually gave way to an excessive regard to the arts of Production, which has impressed upon the country the stamp of a Business Republic, and made, in the second period, the grand end of statesmanship, the increase of the material wealth of the nation.

Agriculture, in its peaceable isolation, had had to give way to the more compact interests of planting and manufacturing, and these have fought with each other for the supreme dominion. Their interested confederates and advocates in legislation and the Government are almost exclusively occupied, says the author, in expounding the already established Constitution and laws, and forget, in poring over the letter, the spirit and the exigences of the age. Politics become thus a branch of industry and a lucrative business, which, especially at the North, the *attorney*, as the best adapted person, takes care of.

Character-portraits are given of our more eminent statesmen and politicians of the past and present, in which this idea of the substitution of attorneys for philosophers is more clearly defined. As samples of the general tenor of the work, we translate the substance of the sketches of JEFFERSON, whom the author considers the most philosophical and clear-headed of American statesmen, and of CALHOUN, who forms the transition to the advocate period of our statesmanship, of which WEBSTER, the "expounder" *par excellence*, is the highest embodiment.

JEFFERSON, THE PHILOSOPHER.

"The Declaration of Independence of JEFFERSON, and the declaration of the rights of mankind in France, are the offspring of one and the same genius. They are political-philosophical discussions, which rank among the most glorious and the most serious monuments of History. Historians, with especially his head and expression of vague sense, recall to our memories the physiognomies of contrasted dispositions of WASHINGTON, and the [illegible] and strong [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] resemble any other [illegible] [illegible] quiet [illegible] great [illegible] bury my looks for any length of time in JEFFERSON'S portrait, involuntarily I am made to think of Fleury, and the delightful lake of Geneva, of Paris and its spirited, world-ruling fashionable circles, of GIRONDE and the Convention, and of all the brilliant dates in the European history of the last century. JEFFERSON proved practically, as one of the first of all politicians, that a man may—not in spite of, but only by aid of philosophy—attain the right point of view for acting and operating. At a time when every Democratic rising was suppressed by Governmental measures, he introduced a modern view into political life, and made the sovereign individual the starting and issuing point of all policy. This is his great and immortal deed. JEFFERSON never denied through all his long political career, the cosmopolitical and humane doctrine of the Encyclopedians, to which he was indebted for the cultivation of his mind, and only by his close adherence to which he obtained his predominating influence in the formation of parties and the history of his country."

CALHOUN, THE ATTORNEY.

"*John Caldwell Calhoun* is the man who first turns from the ideal and philosophical manner of treating politics to a *concealed, realistic, political review*, which knows nothing beyond the wants and exigences of the present, and regards their fulfillment as the greatest end of policy. Yet CALHOUN, in spite of himself, is an idealist—a real fanatic, with the whole nervousness of an American. In his old age, his face looks like a battle-field, where bold designs and clear ideas are fighting with the most intricate imaginations of fancy. His features seem as if they had been furrowed by passion, and have never any of that captivating grace which characterizes CLAY, and which rendered him a favorite with the people. CALHOUN gave his support to the philosophical principles of JEFFERSON as long as the advantage of the South was to be obtained by doing so, but spurned them with the greatest insolence as soon as they no longer suited his purposes. 'The doctrine of the equality of men is nonsense,' exclaims CALHOUN, with a laugh; 'but,' he continues, 'the Democratic principle, as eliminated in the Constitution, interdicts to the Federal Government any interference with the rights of the individual States, and permits to them the resort of nullification or secession.' Thus, while repudiating the stipulating premises, he was prepared to make use of their inferential consequences; and so, though the avowed enemy of all concessions, he was really the father of political compromises, for whoever forgets the solemn motives which have governed the formation of a compact, and disregards its undefined but implied reservations, will always be ready to secure from it what he can for his own advantage. CALHOUN, like a greedy creditor, advances outrageous claims against the North, only that he may obtain larger payments on account. Day and night he exclaims, we must have our whole dues. Nay, puts in CLAY, the necessary complement of CALHOUN, not so hard as that; pay us part of our claim and we will let you off. The North grants the proportionately more modest claim, and CALHOUN, yielding nothing of his alleged right, accepts the payment in secret triumph.

"CALHOUN, after WASHINGTON, might have been the first and most adored of American statesmen, if his life had not been devoted to a great error. He spoke comparatively seldom, and then usually but briefly—was not possessed of much greatness, but of a ravishing power, by his logical greatness and his imposing personality. The despiser of all abstraction, he himself fell into its very snares and indulged in the most subtle hair-splitting when the Southern or Slaveholding interests were to be defended. JEFFERSON claimed the liberty of the individual, and that political embodiment which was established from it, *for all*; CALHOUN only for the superior or master people. JEFFERSON was not preoccupied by any party interest when he formed his political convictions to the public. CALHOUN first belonged to a party and then endeavored to vindicate and practically consolidate its interests. While JEFFERSON feared not to leave the decisions on public affairs to the majority of the interested people, CALHOUN was contriving bulwarks to protect the minority against the majority."

After an analysis of the theory of government promulgated in CALHOUN'S posthumous work, and a significant reference to the ancient States-right, and the Polish *Commonwealth of Noblemen*, the author observes that it has no relation to any Democratic theories of Government, and that the only way in which it practically differs from the ancient despotic theories, seems to be in its application to circumstances, which have arisen from a previous acceptance of Democratic principles.

"This glorified *non plus ultra* of personal liberty, of CALHOUN, which wants for itself and its case, *all*, for the rest, nothing, is quite identical with the principle which supports the throne of every autocrat, and which finds its proper expression in Europe in the absolute monarchy.

"The character of CALHOUN obliges even his adversaries to do him justice. He did not know any fear, nor did he solicit any favor; he rejected the Presidency and despised popularity because he fought for a theory. He did not catch at effect, and did not show any borrowed pathos, because he had moral dignity. One act of his life illustrates best his whole being, and shows what was the foundation of his power. When CALHOUN, menaced by JACKSON with the gallows after his declaration of nullification, reentered for the first time the Senate, and all expected to see him accused at once of high treason, he took his oath upon the Constitution with impressive dignity, defended boldly and in a firm and eloquent voice his nullification decrees, and by his unexpected coast averted every personal danger."

The author, in conclusion, intimates that in the passage of the Nebraska bill the supremacy of the South over the North was probably permanently established, and that what is likely to occur hereafter will only consolidate the power of the planting interest, that the theories of Mr. CALHOUN will subvert entirely the principles of JEFFERSON, and that such alterations of the Constitution as will be necessary to change the old Democratic Republic into an Oligarchical Slaveholding Aristocracy will soon be openly advocated and finally effected. The only eventuality which is likely to prevent this will arise, he thinks, from a reversion of the people of the North, when the yoke of Southern supremacy begins to weigh heavily upon them, to the original sentiment of devotion to the principles on which the Republic was founded, and a threat to divide the Union. A division of the Union, he considers, would be far more deplorable in its effects upon the South than the North, and that it could never be seriously contemplated by any large body of sensible slaveholders, and would be prevented by them if threatened by the North, at any sacrifice of mere policy.

The work is for sale at the German book stores in the City, and may be safely recommended to German readers as bringing the clearest and most [illegible] [illegible] in American politics which has [illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] in California.

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

PRAYER FOR COLLEGES. [illegible] By W. S. TYLER, Professor of Greek [illegible] New-York: [illegible] 1854.

In 1853 the Committee of the Presbyterian College and Theological Education at the West offered a premium of $150 to the author who should prepare the best essay on "Prayer for Colleges." The Committee of Award consisted of Drs. Humphrey, of Amherst, and Pinsdick, of Newburyport, and Rev. E. N. Kirk. Thirty-two manuscripts were sent in, of which the one selected as the best proved to have been written by Professor W. S. TYLER, of Amherst College. This Essay makes a volume of 214 pages, and is most admirably adapted to effect the object had in view. The first three chapters are devoted to the subject of prayer in general; the remainder discuss the uses of prayer for Colleges. The excellent author has aimed to furnish "a kind of manual or epitome of the services which the College has rendered not only to the cause of learning and religion, but also to human progress and human happiness." Here is an episode on the uses of a classical education which is not, just now, untimely:

"The civil and political history of New-England and the Middle States for half a century before and after the Revolution, may almost be read in the large capitals which distinguish the governors and judges, the senators and representatives in Congress, on the catalogues of Harvard, Yale, Nassau Hall and Columbia Colleges. Let those who doubt the practical utility of colleges, or the political capacity of college educated men, examine these catalogues. We should like to put those demagogues, who would fain create a prejudice against colleges in the public mind, to the study of those triennials (if indeed they are capable of mastering the easy Latin in which they are composed). Few books would teach them sounder doctrine; few furnish them brighter examples. Yale College has educated four of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, three members of the Convention for framing the Constitution of the United States, one Vice-President, four Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, seven members of the Cabinet, thirty-nine United States Senators, one hundred and thirty-nine representatives in Congress, four Foreign Ministers, twenty-two Governors, eighteen Lieutenant-Governors, and eighty Judges of the Supreme Court, in different States; thirteen Presidents of Medical Societies, thirty-six Presidents of Colleges and one hundred and five Professors. The College of New-Jersey has furnished one President, two Vice-Presidents, four judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, fifteen judges of Supreme Courts in the several States, twenty governors of States, six members of the Cabinet at Washington, and one hundred and twenty members of Congress. Harvard College has graduated two Presidents of the United States, one Vice-President, and Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, Secretaries, &c., &c., too numerous to mention. Of the thirty-five thousand graduates* that have been sent out from American Colleges, nearly two hundred have been governors, more than five hundred representatives in Congress, one hundred and thirty senators of the United States, and nearly four hundred judges of Supreme Courts.

"Self-taught men have filled at times the highest places in our National and State Governments, and this fact marks at once the strict equality and the elevating tendency of our political system. But the men who have given shape and character to our institutions have been, to a very great extent, men of liberal education. Classical studies are peculiarly fitted to form republican statesmen. They exert at once a stimulating and a moderating, an emancipating and a conservative influence. Hence the remarkable, and at first view, apparently inexplicable fact, that on the European continent the members of the universities are generally revolutionary and republican in their tendencies, while in England and America, where a large measure of freedom already exists, they are usually conservative,—very seldom radical in their politics. Classical literature, and indeed the living and breathing literature of the world,—the literature which men will not let die,—is all saturated with the spirit of liberty."

*This calculation was made in 1846. The number has of course greatly increased since, but the proportion remains about the same.

REPORTS OF CASES IN THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. Vol. XVI. By BENJ. C. HOWARD, Reporter. Little, Brown & Co., 1854. For sale by JOHN S. VOORHIES.

This is a new volume of the standard reports of our National Supreme Court. It includes the cases argued and determined at December Term, 1853.

Next to the reports of the Courts of his own State, those of the United States Supreme Court are in many respects the most important and valuable to the practising lawyer. If the decisions of that Court do not, perhaps, embrace so wide a range of questions, yet their authority in our State Courts is of course higher than those of any other tribunals. The value of these reports is increased by the thorough manner in which they are prepared. The statements of facts preceding the opinion of the Court in each case are made up with care, and although sometimes a little heavy in their very fullness, they contrast favorably with the careless jumble of facts and pleadings, or curt reference to the opinion of the Court, which too often is our American reports forms the reporter's sole contribution to the case. In the volume before us, the facts are carefully collated from the papers. It is all pen and ink work. There is no scissoring.

TREATISE ON THE LIMITATIONS OF ACTIONS, &c. By J. K. ANGELL. Third edition, revised and enlarged. By J. W. MAY. Boston: LITTLE, BROWN & Co. For sale by JOHN S. VOORHIES.

The merits of this treatise, in its original form, are well known. Upon its first appearance it took rank among our standard treatises, and has never been superseded—as too many very carefully written law books are—by other works embodying later views and doctrines.

The improvements in the third edition consist in Mr. MAY'S annotations and references to the latest authorities. The original text of ANGELL stands, we believe, unaltered; but in notes appended to it Mr. MAY has performed the useful service of referring, under the proper heads, the new cases decided since the original publication; often quoting them at length. The work is thus enriched by the addition of upwards of seven hundred cases, the annotations enlarging the work about one-third, the number of pages being now about eight hundred.

In the appendix, which contains the statutes of limitations of the various States, we note the addition of the Statutes of California, Florida, Iowa and Texas, not embraced in the previous editions.

THE PROBLEM SOLVED; OR, SIN NOT OF GOD. By MILES P. SQUIER, D. D. New-York: M. W. Dodd. Pages 336.

Rather an assuming title—still the book affords a very well digested argument—an epitome of analytic thought on the main question, or issue, and its analogies. Dr. SQUIER is Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy in Beloit College.

THE WIFE'S VICTORY, And Nine other Narratives. By the Rev. D. E. A. SOUTHWORTH. Philadelphia: T. B. PETERSON.

This is a new work by a well-known authoress. The several stories possess much interest, and are gracefully written. We do not fancy so much the "notices from the press" upon the title-page, as the view of Brotherton Hall.

The *North American Review* for January is a good number. The articles of best service to this generation are on GREVINUS' History of the Nineteenth Century, the Kansas Emigration, and a review of the English and American Universities.

HUNT'S *Merchants' Magazine*, for this month, has several valuable articles and its usual amount of permanent statistical matter. A portrait of Mademoiselle P. WILBUR accompanies it.

Dr. SIDNEY DOWLER, says the *Southern Medical and Surgical Journal*, has recently discovered in the vicinity of New-Orleans a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE ARCTIC BANQUET.

Pursuant to the resolution of the last meeting of the Members of the Bar of New-York and Brooklyn, connected with the Arctic, to give a Memorial of the late Judge Edward Sandford, Abner Benedict, and Henry A. Brady,

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Now it is a matter that Mr. Sandford had to throw off, the certificate of success. How was he successful? In the first place, by an industry which challenges comparison with any. He was never idle, but always busy. He was persevering. He never was checked by a difficulty; never stood the check of ill-success, but, relying upon his talent and industry, Mr. Sandford pursued an course where many others would have faltered and retreated. He was remarkable for his fidelity to his professional engagements. I never heard that he neglected a cause, that he was backward when the professional struggle came on. He was agreeable—a man with whom you sought companionship, and by whose companionship you profited; and it is not to be wondered at that with all of those traits Mr. Sandford should have risen until he stood in the front rank of the bar.

Now, Sir, in what respect, we may ask, was he remarkable in having attained success? I would suggest (and we are all witnesses upon this subject) that he was a man of extraordinary fertility of resources. I have never known a man who was a more efficient counsel when there was any point of doubt—a man more likely to draw light from the pure fires of the altar of jurisprudence. He was most remarkable for the fertility of his suggestions, inventions and illustrations. His views when presented were clearly presented, and when his illustrations were given out, they were made the basis of a sound and powerful logic. He viewed things with a natural connection, and presented them with a natural good sense and sagacity which marks the ability of the accomplished lawyer. He was a man of remarkable erudition. For the extent of time which he had devoted to his profession, I venture to say there was no man of greater learning and erudition. It is not always a mark of great professional ability and merit to be very fruitful in causes. Erudition may become a burden instead of strength. It may take away from power instead of adding to it; but the erudition of Mr. Sandford in the knowledge of causes, and the great extent to which his resources went, was truly remarkable. In that knowledge he eschewed the idle part; took the solid only, and he converted that into nutrition for the mind, and how he used his erudition it is not for me, in the assembly of those who witnessed his efforts, to repeat, for I could only speak of what you all do know. And this erudition he obtained by the most indefatigable industry. When a necessity existed, without regard to fatigue of body and fatigue of mind, he would leave nothing unturned which should properly be sought for and applied to the proper object which he had in view, whether it were a matter of law or a matter of fact, or a matter scientific or professional.

And last, I will draw the attention of this meeting to that which they knew and felt—the extreme eloquence and facility in the use of language, which was a remarkable trait in the efforts of our distinguished friend. He appealed to the feelings of our common nature with a force and power certainly not common. His early education seemed to have fortified him with the powers of our common language so that when an idea was to have its proper garment put upon it, whether it was to be clad in energy or power, whether it was to persuade, to convince, or to assail, language was never wanting fully adequate to the object he had in view.

Now, Mr. President, the means with which Mr. Sandford achieved his success are within the power of others to acquire. I therefore consider his success in life as a great model—a model which I hope those of the profession who are now using the name, rank and dignity which he occupied, will undertake in all that is praiseworthy and meritorious. It is no wonder that with these points, with these faculties, and with these qualities, Mr. Sandford found himself marching forward in a life triumphant; and I can think of nothing more like this march than that very ship in which he met his fate. It was in the march of actual accomplishment when his hopes and expectations were realized, like that magnificent and noble ship, that he met his call; and what is told of his last moments, of that quiet aspect of countenance with which he took leave of the parting mate, which look said to those who saw him, "I have got the call. I have made up my mind." He met that call with a heroic despair, or rather with a heroic submission. He deserves the tribute of our greatest recollection—he deserves that we should put on record that which was new of his worth; he deserves that we should retain him warm and cherished in our memory.

E. Burr, Esq., after seconding Mr. Lord's Resolution, moved the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That in the death of Abner Benedict, Esq., the Bar of this City has lost one of its most valued members, and the community a citizen of eminent worth and usefulness; and that this meeting sympathize with his family and friends in their deep affliction and irreparable loss.

Mr. Burr said:

REMARKS OF E. BURR, ESQ.

One of the melancholy events we this day deplore is the death of our highly esteemed friend and associate, the late Abner Benedict. You permit me this day, Sir, to pay a tribute to his memory, and to recall to this meeting the memory of events and incidents of his life and some of the characteristics of the man.

Abner Benedict was a native of Orange County, in this State, born in the year 1806. He was the son of Rev. Jesse T. Benedict, a Presbyterian clergyman, the brother of Adin Benedict, Esq., of Pennsylvania, of Hon. George W. Benedict, of Vermont, and of Erastus C. Benedict, Esq., well known by his standing at our Bar, as also by his connection with public instruction. He was educated at the Philosophical Seminary of Practical Science, established by the late Stephen Van Rensselaer, at Troy. After graduating he devoted himself to teaching, and for a short time was Professor of Chemistry and Natural Science. He soon, however, entered on the study of law in this City, where he was admitted to the bar in the year 1832, and practiced this profession until his death. He left a daughter at school in Paris, and four sons in New-York.

Mr. Benedict was a man of strong sense and sound judgment; he possessed a mind of great independence. His conclusions were strictly his own, (borrowing no color from the authority of mere name,) and when formed, they were asserted with unflinching boldness, and maintained with unbending firmness. He was a sound lawyer and a successful advocate; for a speaker he was exceedingly impressive, powerful, and forcible. In social life his wit and humor abounded and together with the habitual use of the most expressive and purest English, gave to his conversation a somewhat epigrammatic and sententious character, but under the control of his characteristic kindness of disposition, his wit was always without sting and his humor free from offensive raillery. He possessed great energy and determination of character, and called them into requisition whenever the object seemed to him to demand their exercise. He possessed a refined and cultivated taste, not only in literature, but also in art. He was unpretending, seeking no unearned reputation, and making no ostentatious display of his intellectual endowments or of his acquirements.

Mr. Benedict's sympathies were of the kindest character. He was social, hospitable, and exceedingly agreeable as a companion, never failing, notwithstanding his brusque manner, to treat his intimates with the same politeness that he extended to his mere acquaintance and strangers. While it is one of the highest evidences of the meritorious character of the profession to which we belong, that our clients, those who know us best have the greatest confidence in us, it may still be proper to say that the clients of Mr. Benedict united in a remarkable degree to their confidence in him as a lawyer, their personal esteem (amounting almost to affection) for him as a man.

Mr. Benedict was unaffectedly benevolent. The poor he never sent empty away, nor passed without leaving his mite. Many of us remember him as one of the original members of that excellent and noble charity, the Prison Association of New-York. Here he labored assiduously in visiting dungeons and prisons, and in extending aid to those who, on being liberated from confinement, needed the aid of some kind hand to lead them in the ways of honest exertion and secure them from temptations to crime. For these arduous labors there could be no consideration, no reward, except that which springs up in every benevolent heart from the performance of a benevolent action.

The kindness of Mr. Benedict's disposition was such that he could scarcely have said at the close of his life, as was said by another: "One of my happiest reflections at this moment is, that in the whole course of my professional life, I have never pressed hard on any man."

The following interesting note, written soon after the loss of the Arctic, by one who was almost miraculously saved from her, and who had known Mr. Benedict well for more than twenty years, may not be out of place on this occasion, as containing a brief summary of the characteristics to which I have alluded:

* * * * * * * I saw a good deal of Abner, during the voyage, and saw him after the occurrence of the terrible disaster, but cannot recollect seeing him at the time of the awful consummation. Had the possibility of rescue for a moment entered into the thoughts of any one, there would no doubt have been messages and tokens, but there was one universal feeling of settled conviction that each one's last hour was come, and that all that could be done was to use the short remnant of time as best we might to prepare for entrance into eternity. I was always pleased to meet Abner. I enjoyed communicating with his strong sense, independent judgment and impressive language, and had some very agreeable conversations with him in the Arctic before our disaster, which were marked with his usual good sense, sagacity and good feeling. He was evidently a good citizen, a good husband and a good father, and did not utter a sentiment which the subsequent catastrophe makes it otherwise than agreeable to remember.

Mr. President, my family and I will honor his memory, who saw, in his great calm, the approaches of his mourn the loss of her son and will not be comforted.

In his family and to his family, Mr. Benedict was

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It Has an Alien Look!

A [illegible] who professes to have observed the movement closely, writes that the [illegible] people, calling themselves Americans forsooth, who assemble in the Park, under the [illegible] revolutionary flags of "We [illegible] and will have it!" and the like, is [illegible] of aliens to American soil and institutions, and many of them, to all appearances, of very recent importation. We have seen the same information in one or more of the City papers. We do not pretend to vouch for the correctness to which these reports are strictly true, but judging from the banner-mottoes which are paraded in the Park and through the streets, we are prepared to believe that few American working men, who, as a class, are quite as well informed on the political duties [illegible] imposed and guaranteed under the Free and Conservative Constitution as any part of the community, really participate in such demonstrations. Nor are we [illegible] to hold the better portion—by which we mean the thrifty and hard working—of our population responsible for these humiliations [illegible] in a City which has done and [illegible] doing more for the poor and unfortunate [illegible] essential means and ready cash, [illegible] been contributed (relative to population) in any other metropolis, in the civilized New World, in the same time. Reference is made to the subject that the [illegible] and signature threats of the Park meetings may be properly understood and [illegible], if need be, should their execution be attempted, and that it may not be construed into an act of the City a reproach to the real [illegible] of New-York. This being not [illegible] we have no apprehension on the other [illegible] having a foreign revolutionary element [illegible] known as Communism, Agrarianism, or the Wildest and pernicious interpretation put upon Law and Order, as regulated by [illegible] Constitution—successfully [illegible] taking hold, to take the place of the [illegible] of Relief to the Unemployed and Charity to the Poor. If the time has ever been when [illegible] through haste by any possibility [illegible] which may do not subsist, it has passed away, or at all events it is not of the present, when the signs of a more thoroughly American spirit in our politics are too numerous and palpable to be misunderstood.

[illegible] for the standing views of this spirit is variously estimated by our public [illegible] by the Press. We shall not now undertake to measure it; it being sufficient for the present purpose to know that the [illegible] exists, and that if Know-Nothings [illegible] popular sympathy with [illegible] of the objects of the Order in [illegible] more effective plan could be fallen upon by friends or enemies to make this end [illegible] than the parade of banners such as we have seen, by alien processions or Park [illegible] equally inimical to the American [illegible] of Constitutional Liberty, with [illegible] to the good order of an American City which has never withheld the hand of [illegible] to the unemployed, or neglected the [illegible] of charity to the destitute.

The memorial of what are called the Work[illegible] of New-York to the Common Council, which we published on Saturday, contains, [illegible] its conclusion, a menace designed, [illegible] to be read as portentous, and which, if [illegible] means anything, must look to the [illegible] of correcting grievances—to the [illegible] spirit, for example, of revolutionary [illegible] under the reign of anarchy and [illegible] are scarcely so weak as to [illegible] be carried out by the help of [illegible] who respect their liberties [illegible] so as to hope that a riot [illegible] to confer the name or exhibit the [illegible] of Associate Workingmen [illegible] unquestionably hinted at in [illegible] by their cause of American law, in [illegible] not a proceeding that can be [illegible] with any assurance of their [illegible] the hope of immunity from [illegible] of the law.

The memorial referred to reads:

"And in view of this state of feeling, we, as the Central Committee of the Workingmen of New-York, are thereby compelled, unless prompt action be taken, to shift all responsibility as to the results now threatening, like the dense precursor of a hurricane of death, over this unhappy City."

The entire memorial is in a tone of exaggeration which deprives it, in a measure, of all support from the municipal body to which it is addressed. It speaks of sixty thousand able bodied men out of all employment, fifty thousand women accustomed to earn their livelihood and support their families, in the same condition, and seventy-five thousand children and aged or infirm persons dependent upon these two classes. Now the sufferings of the unemployed and poor are bad enough, in reality, without the parade of such wild and unreliable figures, which are calculated by their very absurdity to impair confidence in the general representations of the evil, rather than increase the efforts of the benevolent, and call forth the effective aid of the municipal authorities. Besides, assuming the opinion that one half, or even the stated number approximates the truth, there is no evidence that they have either authorized or would under any degree of suffering authorize this self-constituted Central Committee of the Working Men of New-York to speak in their name in such menacing tones or the Park meetings of questionable American material to parade the streets, in their cause, under agrarian banners. And this, too, while every person of the truly benevolent, and every reasonable other of employers, under greatly diminished ability, and every popular measure of public relief, are being strained for their relief. We repeat it is not the American way of doing business. It does not look as though it had a genuine American origin, and the public will hold its authors to the worst excesses in distress of the New-York Working People.

No Liquor Sold Yesterday in New-York or Brooklyn.

Yesterday was a dry day in town. 'Twas a cool, tight, day,—the wind sharp and piercing, the sun bright and pleasant enough, but the water in the gutters stood as stiff as ever, and only the tops of the mud heaps were thawed. A dry day out of doors, but a drier one in doors. The old soakers that came out of their cribs to get their "eye-openers," found the doors shut of their haunts. They tried the door that leads into the alley, but a "Star" stood their so solemn and observant, that they went back again with the cobwebs in their throats undisturbed. The men came out yawning to get their "eleven o'clock," but the corner grocery was closed, and it was of no use to thump on the shutters. Nobody was inside evidently. They sat down on the barrels outside and on the edge of the coal-bin, and talked over Mayor Wood's droll ways;—men these that voted for him and threw up their hats for him, and took treats for him, and "did expect decent treatment." "There was an alien look" about them, sure. Some thought that Governor CLARK had made a Maine Law, and some cursed the Know-Nothings, who must have done it.

"Gentlemenly men" shook hands on meeting in the streets, and said to each other, "Let us drink!" and stepping into saloons of mixed characters, where oysters are eaten at times, and marching up to the bar, saying, with the air of men perfectly assured, "Brandy for two," were shocked to hear the bar-keeper reply, "No brandy sold here today—by order of the Mayor." Very "gentlemenly men" felt as if they had eaten salt fish for breakfast, and chewed olives ever since. They thrust unusually large quids of tobacco into their cheeks and chewed never so vigorously. It was awfully dry yesterday.

Politicians who crowd each other in our great hotels, the swarms that blacken their saloons, were horrified at seeing neat cards stuck up in sundry places, "No liquor sold here on Sunday." There were, indeed, sudden rushings to private rooms, and an unusual number of bell-pulls, and servants glided rapidly up and down stairs bearing bottles, but yesterday in the finest of the white-fronted marble hotels as in the dirtiest of the "low groggeries," drinks were not to be had at the bar. All honor to Mayor WOOD, who has done it. Yet the Church-going people had no hint of the revolution that was wrought. There was no rioting in the streets—no bloodshed. But Mayor WOOD did yesterday just what has been again and again reported by the opponents of a prohibitory law as a thing impossible to be done—he stopped the liquor sale in New-York, almost, if not quite, entirely.

Nor Mayor WOOD alone, Mayor HALL of Brooklyn City unfaithfully fulfilled his promises to the public. In person yesterday, he with the Chief of Police, peremptorated the Constituted City. Our report says that in Williamsburg there was but one shop found open; this the two officials entered, saw for themselves the evidence of a violation of the law, and announced their errand to the keeper, after which, it may be presumed, his customers went dry. We have fallen upon new times. This idea of having laws enforced is a great innovation, but it suits the people and wins for the reformers who effect it golden opinions from all whose opinions could possibly be framed of any other than the baser metals.

Farm Labor in Demand.

We publish on another page a brief communication from a farmer on the line of the Erie Railroad, to the effect that agricultural labor was never in better demand than at present. The want of laborers and domestics is by no means local. It extends, and has for a year or two, extended all over the country, particularly in the West. The produce of the farm, the dairy and the pasture was never so dear, as during the hard times we are now having in the City. The amount of additional labor brought into the fields since the extension of the railway system into the great West, and through the Southern tier of counties in this State, is out of all proportion to the new markets which these Roads have created at the door of the farmer. It is out of proportion, too, to the employment of labor in the cities and in building railways, and it is about time, one would think, to have a redistribution. No honest working man need starve in this country, under such a state of things. He need not want, if he is willing to go into the interior where his personal expenses and the expenses of his family, if he have one, are comparatively reduced; his comfort cared for, and constant employment at fair wages almost insured. The same remark is applicable to female domestics. Hundreds of these are now said to be suffering for the want of employment in the City. They will see what our correspondent says of their chances in the country.

We may be pardoned on this topic, for referring back to what we said of the rapid increase of extravagance in this City less than two years ago. This evil—for evil we considered it then, as we know it to be now—was especially marked by the completion and opening, on the greatest possible scale of extravagance and gorgeous living, of two of the most notable of the up-town hotels; and the week that witnessed the inauguration of the latest of those great establishments, was remarked upon at the time, in these columns, as significant of no good to the permanent well-being and stability of the business of this City. In those views, we differed then, as it is not impossible that we differ now, from many of our friends who think this Republican people as much entitled to all the luxuries their money or credit will buy them, as the nobility of the Old World who move in real ducal palaces. But one thing [illegible] on the machinery of credit, an solid capital was exhausted, and seducing labor to unaccustomed employments with no reasonable guarantee that the change would, or in the very nature of things could, be permanent—inflating rents and making bubbles of corner lots—converting taverns into rarer shows of upholstery, plate glass, and table-ware—and multiplying paper fortunes by all the extravagances of speculation which followed in the train, and which like dead sea fruits have now turned to ashes, until that most unwelcome visitor, "Tight Times," is really in our midst. Where are now the laborers and domestics who were seduced from the rural districts for town employment, to carry on this scale of grandeur and folly? What is the condition of the emigrants from the Old World who were not then, or since, suffered to know more of the land of promise to which they had made their way, than they could find out on Manhattan Island? Many of the first class, we doubt not, are now mourning over the indiscretion which prompted their removal from a country home, while some of the second, it is to be feared, are suffering themselves to be used by wicked incendiaries, who dare not attempt to employ other material for the purpose, in making a show of numbers at their chartist or agrarian meetings in the Park. Verily, the follies of a year have left their mark upon the poor as well as the rich.

Mexican News and Prospects.

It is the manifest destiny of this age to get the news. Cut the Telegraph wire and it will take to pigeon's wings. Keep it back, for instance, from the steamer that is just leaving our wharf for San Juan, and it will spring by telegraph to New-Orleans, over land by the Ramsay Route to Acapulco, and up to San Francisco a week ahead of that which went by the usual passenger and mail route. It is *prima facie* evidence of a man's ignorance of the spirit of the times, then, who gags the press and tries to stifle down the news. It cannot be done. News is most curiously elastic. Like light, it does not have to be solicited, coaxed, entreated to enter, but leaps in at every opening. You must build high walls to keep it out. It wants all of the theories that philosophers have given of light to account for its transmission. It darts in rays, rolls in waves, gyrates in circles; it turns sharpest angles and diffuses itself as if by an atomic repulsion.

SANTA ANNA has established a most watchful censorship over the Mexican press, so that the orthodox mode of getting news from that distracted and sick sister of ours is out of the question. Hence the news—for by hook or by crook it must come—comes to us a good deal distorted, broken into fragments and discolored. There is no mistaking, however, the general tenor of events there. ALVAREZ must be making his western fastnesses more than ever impregnable, and revolution must be greatly strengthening itself on the South. Nor have the President's precautions to send off travelling all the "tall" men of Mexico who were not deemed safe succeeded in more than scotching rebellion nearer the Capital. From the *Diario Oficial* it appears that ANTONIO HARO Y TAMARIZ, late War Minister under SANTA ANNA's own appointment has suddenly taken to flight, just as the Government officials were ready to lay hands upon him and read the evidences of his concern in the affair of Michoacan. The *Diario*, moreover, gives assurances that the heads of no less men than Don MANUEL RAYNO (ARISTA's Treasury Minister, whose liberal commercial recommendations so astonished us a year or two ago) and Don OCTAVIANO NEMARGO LEBO, another of ARISTA's Cabinet officers are foul with revolutionary doings. Then there come rumors of repeated victories by the Government in places where we had not dreamed that there was anything but loyalty to be victorious over. Besides, most of the papers which are prohibited to speak against the President, sullenly refuse to speak for him, and the almost entire unanimity of the late election—what was that but an indication that Revolution felt the eye of the Dictator was on him, and so silently he dropped in his vote, determined not to be fool enough to advertise his own dissatisfaction uselessly. In the late election when every voter had to write his name upon his vote, and to annex a written statement of his reasons for preferring any other man before SANTA ANNA, we wonder far more that there were to be found in all Mexico seventeen votes against him, than that there should be so few. Indeed, unless Mexican bravery is much improved upon the article which was current when our people enjoyed their best opportunity to become acquainted with it, we are inclined to suspect that those seventeen negative votes which, after three days' voting, turned up in the City of Mexico, must have been deposited at the instigation of SANTA ANNA himself, and by his spies, to keep up the appearance of a decent freedom of sentiment in the Republic.

What with the open rebellion of the South and the officially pronounced treason of men of standing at the capital, the silence or muttered discontent of the press and the people, evidently thrust up to drop a shower of lying ballots into the ballot-boxes, with the receipts of the funds from the GADSDEN arrangement expended, and the remaining three millions not yet for a long time receivable, it is not a wild prophecy to look out for an early re-establishment in Mexico of the old order of things; that is, for the commencement of a new series of revolutions when fresh dynasties will succeed each other again as frequently as crops of new clovers on rich meadows. The present incumbent, notwithstanding the late unanimous vote of the free-stricken people has not the first element of stability for his Government to point to.

☞ We direct attention to the card in another column of the Managers of the Ladies' Relief Ball, to take place on Wednesday evening next, in the Academy of Music. The programme of the entertainment is now complete, and the Managers of [illegible] [illegible] individual managers, is already very extensive. The sale is not likely to be confined to parties who will give their personal attendance. Numerous charitable persons have taken them for the good cause of relief, and the cash proceeds of the Ball will probably exceed by several thousand dollars the value of the tickets actually used. This entertainment, and the Relief Concert of last week, will contribute, it is hoped, full $15,000 to the Benevolent Fund of the City. A small number of tickets have been left on sale at the desk of the TIMES counting-room.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—It is now certain that operatic entertainments will recommence here in about three or four weeks. The building has been leased for a year, and it is the intention of the managers, we believe, to organize a continuous season for the greater portion of the time. OLE BULL, MAURICE STRAKOSCH and MAX MARETZEK are the lessees and managers. It would be difficult to find three men of equal talent, or a trio more certain of public support. The opera under such men will deserve success. It will be no charlatan speculation, but a genuine art enterprise, with thorough artistes for its conductors. MAURICE STRAKOSCH sailed for Europe last week, and will engage all the desirable talent procurable there. His personal influence added to the genuine character of his mission, will commend him to sensible artistes.

Concerning the intentions for the season, we learn from the *Musical Gazette* that a company will be collected capable of performing Italian, German, and English opera—that premiums are to be offered for the production of new American operas—that TERESA BEARBELLA, CAROLINE LEHMANN, (who was eminently and deservedly successful on her first appearance at the Philharmonic,) NERI BERALDI and GRASSIANI, are to form part of the troupe—that SOPHIA CRUVELLI and JOHANNA WAGNER are in prospective—that an attempt is to be made to induce VERDI to compose an original opera for us—that the first representation will be on the 12th February, of ROSSINI's "Guillaume Tell." We learn also that Signor ALBONI is busily engaged in the preparation of scenery for the above mentioned opera, and also for VERDI's "Rigoletto."

Against all this promise we may here place the latest news—that ULLMANN, NIBLO and JACOBSOHN intend trying a star campaign, with one or two leading artistes. Of showmen managers, we have had enough. The latest and greatest—Mr. HACKETT—probably regrets his venture. If artistes like GRIZI and MARIO fail to remunerate speculators, what can be expected from any other star? The public has had a little too much of this description of commercial enterprise, and any new speculation must inevitably terminate disastrously. New-York cannot support two opera-houses, and the musical portion of Upper-Teutons is interested in the Academy, and will support it. Messrs. ULLMANN, NIBLO and JACOBSOHN will find their musical importance rather insignificant beside that of OLE BULL, STRAKOSCH and MARETZEK.

This, however, is certain—there will be opera, if not operatic competition, in a month from the present time.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—BULWER'S admirably dramatic novel, "Night and Morning," has been adapted for the stage by Mr. JOHN BROUGHAM, and will be produced here to-night. The cast is admirable.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—The Opera of "Cinderella" will be produced here to-night by the PYNE and HARRISON operatic troupe. Unusual preparations have been made to render this opera the triumph of the season. New scenery, costumes, appointments, &c., and all the artistes of the company will contribute to its success.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—To-night "Circe and Her Magic Cup," "The Nice Young Man," and "Living too Fast." On Wednesday, a new play called "Old Adam," and on Thursday another new play by MORRIS BARNETT, Esq., called "Our Set; or, the Spanish Embassy."

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.—A "grand and varied ring performance," and after the conduct has been removed the effective drama of "The Count of Monte Cristo." Mr. ENDY performs in the latter.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM.—The second grand annual poultry show commences to-day. In the evening, "Wallace, the Hero of Scotland."

EISWALD'S QUARTETTE SOIREE.—The third of these delightful entertainments takes place to-morrow evening at Bedworth's Academy, No. 806 Broadway. The vocalists on this occasion will be Mrs. GEORGIANA STUART and Miss ANNA GRISWOLD.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The ladies' ball for the benefit of the poor comes off on Wednesday next. Tickets only $2 each.

The lovers of the Ethiopian Minstrelsy will find their wants amply provided for at CHRISTY & WOOD'S, No. 472 Broadway; BUCKLEY'S, No. 539 Broadway, and DONALDSON'S, Nos. 718 and 720 Broadway.

Items.

We are glad to learn that that enterprising music merchant, HORACE WATERS, No. 333 Broadway, has sided with WILLIAM HALL & SONS in discountenancing the high prices for non-copyright music; the two firms named have undertaken to fight the trade, and expect no sympathy except from the public. This they are entitled to, for the reform is purely one which sets the public directly in the pocket. Purchasers of music should remember that at HALL & SONS', and at HORACE WATERS's stores they can procure their music for half the price charged elsewhere.

Miss MAKEAH has accepted an engagement in Cincinnati, and will appear there prior to her appearance at the Broadway.

Some lady in Paris who "does not smoke," having proposed a contribution of Tobacco to be forwarded to the army in the Crimea, HOUSE, the eminent singer offers his mite in the following lines to the *Illustrated of Paris*: "Mr. Editor—Will a contribution from a gentleman who is that of your adorable correspondent who does not smoke? Please thank her in my name for the tears she has caused me to shed on the route from Brussels to Hamburg; say to her, one who smokes no more, but who sings, associates himself, heart and soul and soul to her good enterprise. Sound—smoke—are they not of the same family? Both live, both excite, and pass away as quickly; each owes something to the other. I subscribe then for tobacco for the army in the East. My package of cigars will be made up by one of my performances in Hamburg, which shall be *La Dame Blanche*. May our brave brothers in arms remember our old French maxim, and amidst the enemy's fire, the snows of the steppes, sing with joy, as they find the tenderness and the smile of their countrymen thus following them. Ah! how pleasant is the soldier's life! ROSSINI"—*Musical Gazette.*

Madame TEDESCO is said to have met with immense success at the Italian Opera in St. Petersburg. On leaving the theatre she was shouted by a vast crowd outside, who had awaited her exit, notwithstanding the intense cold—ten degrees centigrade below freezing point.

E. L. DAVENPORT has met with great success at the new theatre, Boston. His engagement terminated on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. CONWAY have been playing tragedy, comedy and farce at the Boston Museum the past week, with excellent success.

Mrs. LYSANDER THOMPSON acknowledges the receipt of $400 as the receipts of the benefit given her at Niblo's Theatre, on the 14th of November last.

JULIA DEAN is playing at the St. Charles Theatre, New-Orleans.

MORRIS BARNETT commences an engagement at Buckland's Theatre, Montreal, on Monday evening next. He succeeds Mr. and Miss CHARLES.

Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY WILLIAMS, at the last dates received, were playing to full audiences at the Metropolitan Theatre, San Francisco.

Mdlle. MARIE DUBRY is to commence an engagement at the National Theatre, Boston, on Monday evening next.

We learn from the New-Orleans *Picayune* that FANNY KEMBLE is on the eve of returning to this country, to reside at her beautiful cottage at Stockbridge, Mass., near the Berkshires. She has been living in England for the last few years, taking care of her father in his declining years. He being dead, she has no ties there to detain her longer from her adopted home, where it is said she will probably pass the remainder of her days.

Miss JANE E. DAVENPORT is to sail for California on the 5th of February.

AWAKENING CALAMITY.

Burning of the Residence of J. A. Hayven, Esq., at Fort Washington—Death of Three of his Daughters by Suffocation—Evidence before the Coroners.

The beautiful residence of Mr. JOHN ANGLETON HAVEN, at Fort Washington, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday last, and sad to say three of his daughters perished in the burning building.

The fire commenced about twenty minutes past three on Saturday morning. The edifice was made up of a main building and two wings, fronting to the east. This main building, as well as the southern wing was built with the basement entirely above ground. A hall crossed the main building through the middle from east to west. The second story was entered by steps in front, and under these steps was a door opening into the first story, into the hall referred to.

The northeastern quarter of the first floor of the main building was occupied as servants' rooms, the northwestern as kitchen and laundry, and on the south of the hall, the southeastern portion, was the room of two of the daughters, SARAH and MARY, where they were sleeping on Friday night. On entering the hall from the front, and turning to the left, one passed through a long, narrow hall into the south wing, which was principally taken up by a dining-room, having windows on the east, south and west. In the northwest corner of the dining-room was a closet called the "China Closet," where the plate was kept, and where the bodies of MARY and GRACE were found. South of the young ladies' room already described was a conservatory, and east was a closet in which the body of the third daughter, SARAH, was found. Between this room and the narrow hall was a room which was occupied on the night of the fire by Mr. OCTAVIUS B. PHILLIPS, of Boston, a friend of the family. GRACE and HELEN occupied the room in the second story, above the dining-room. The northern wing was a tower some twenty to twenty-five feet square, and three stories in height, built during the past Summer, and not yet furnished. The whole building was about one hundred feet long; about ten rods to the south was a small building known as "the Cottage." Twenty or thirty rods southeast of Mr. HAVEN's residence was that of his son-in-law, Mr. JOHN M. HOPKINS.

Two German girls had been ironing in the laundry on Friday night, heating their irons at a range—but when Mr. HAVEN made his usual evening circuit of the house, at 10½ o'clock, he perceived nothing unusual. At midnight he got up to regulate the hot air register of his room. He went to sleep again, but was awakened a few minutes after 3 by a sense of suffocation. He and his wife then ran into the hall and alarmed his family. Mr. PHILLIPS heard this noise. Thinking it proceeded from burglars, he opened his door and the smoke rushed into the room. Then, after a noise, as if fumbling about on the floor for a key, he heard them unlock the front door. He ran through the smoke out of doors, and found Mr. and Mrs. HAVEN and the four daughters, ANNA, MARY, GRACE and HELEN, on the lawn. Mrs. HAVEN only had on a wrapper. The rest were in undress, and it was very chilly, the fog being quite thick.

The servants had been roused, in the meantime, by Mr. HAVENS, and had made good their escape. Mr. PHILIPS, soon after, while standing near the door, was enveloped in smoke, but hearing a lady pass him into the house, he ran after her. Not being very familiar with the houses, he fell in attempting to follow her up stairs, and the smoke was so thick that it was some time before he could rise. As soon as he was able to do so he made his way out of doors, blinded and choked, and meeting Mr. JAMES A. CONNOLLEY, told him that there was a lady up stairs. Mr. CONNOLLEY, on arriving, saw only Mr. HAVEN and his daughter HELEN. She told him that there was somebody in the house. He then met Mr. PHILIPS, who told him the same thing. He went into the house and heard a moan, as he thought, in the room over the dining-room. He then came out and had a ladder put up against a balcony before this room. Mounting it he opened the window, and a volume of smoke poured out. Mr. HOPKINS now came up, having been awakened by Mrs. HAVENS. He and Mr. CONNOLLEY reached in their arms and drew out ANNA, who had fallen immediately before the window. She was carried to the residence of Mr. CONNOLLEY's father, CHARLES M. CONNOLLEY, Esq.

Quite a crowd had now collected. Fifteen minutes had elapsed since the alarm was given. But none of the daughters were to be seen except HELEN. It was said that they had gone to the cottage—no one knew where they were. Some few articles of furniture were taken out. The dining-room was entered through a window, and a waiter, KATE LANE, went in to show the men the way to the place in the china closet. On entering the closet she stumbled over something, uttering a shriek. It was the body of MARY. GRACE was soon found, and the two bodies were taken out of the house. Restoratives were immediately applied, but to no purpose. It is indeed said that MARY caught her breath when cold water was dashed in her face, but it may have been only a spasmodic, or perhaps even an imaginary movement.

The alarm had become general. On the first knowledge of the fire, bells were rung at Mr. CONNOLLEY's, and at other places, and between 5 and 6 o'clock engines began to arrive. Engines Nos. 36 and 40, from Harlem, 42 Hose and Engine of Manhattanville, 27 of Fort Washington, and another hose company from Harlem. The house fell, and the flames were subdued sufficiently so that search was made for the missing daughter, SARAH. She was found at last, very much disfigured, beneath the ruins, kneeling, with her hands to her face and her face to the ground. By the side of her were charred fragments of a woolen wrapper, which she had probably taken to put on.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner O'DONNELL arrived at the scene of the calamity about 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and proceeded to hold an inquest.

The following evidence was elicited:

John A. Haven being duly sworn, said: It was my custom to examine the premises every night before I retired, and according to my usual custom I went through the house at 10½ o'clock and I did not observe any evidence of fire; about 12 o'clock I got up to regulate the register to my room, and there was no sign of fire; I returned to bed again and fell asleep; I was awoken some time after by the smoke in the room; I got out of bed, as did also my wife; we went into the hall and alarmed the family, and I told them to leave the house; we did not return for our clothing; I thought the fire proceeded much headway that nothing could be done to check it, and I told the family to leave the building; I could not say how the fire originated; there were fourteen in the family; the fire was discovered to be in the wash-room in the northwest corner of the building.

Kate Lane, sworn: I have lived as waiter in Mr. Haven's family since August last; I went to bed last night about 10 o'clock, and then the two German girls (servants) were in the wash-room; I heard them talking; the door of the wash-house was closed, but I heard their conversation; they were ironing clothes, and they heated their irons in the range connected with the boilers; some time in the night Mr. Haven came down stairs and said the house was on fire, and ordered us out of our beds; I ran out and saw smoke about the wash-house; I went after the coachman, by the direction of Miss Helen; he came soon; he was in his own house, near by, fast asleep; his name is Peter Hynes; the young ladies then asked me to get the silver out of the closet; I did not go to the closet, it was so dark, and I was afraid of the smoke; the closet was in the dining-room, in the basement, even with the street; I took my clothes then into the yard; when I came back, after calling the coachman, I heard some one ask for the water; I then went into the dining-room through the window; I took the drawer which contained the silver and gave it to a man who handed it through the window; I saw Miss Mary lying in the closet; I cried out, telling the men that one of the ladies was in the closet; I then came out.

John Bragg, sworn—I am employed in Mr. Haven's house as general servant; I went to bed last night over other supper, but that I did not undress; I fell asleep, but some time after I heard Mrs. Haven give directions to all hands to go to bed; I got up then and fired the furnace in the hall as usual; this furnace is in the south building, and some time of the morning I got up to see that fire so as to keep the fire; I found the house on fire; I understood my wife to say, "Kate run, run!" I did run, and I think the German girls were up after me; some time in the night I heard Mr. Haven say he had a lot of valuables in the house; I was called by Mr. Haven to the Mr. Haven's; that was the first time I knew that their house was on fire; I [illegible] to Mr. Haven's; that was the first time I knew that the family had perished from the fire; I got those the women had burnt [illegible] house; my attention was first called to [illegible] was some way in the dining-room; [illegible] a ladder to the balcony attached to [illegible] window and I went up [illegible] down smoke, and I put down my [illegible] reached my arm in and took hold of [illegible] I found to be Miss Anna; we got them [illegible] was removed to Mr. Chas. M. Connolley's [illegible] who now is; she is doing well; [illegible] afterwards I was present when [illegible] Grace were taken from the [illegible] respond to the dining-room; [illegible] James A. Connolley [illegible] Miss Sarah was taken out of the [illegible]

THE BUILDING.

The main portion of the house was built [illegible] ten years ago. The south wing was built about ten years since, and the north wing [illegible] Being built at several times it [illegible] somewhat intricate, and it was quite difficult to find through the house for one who was [illegible] It was in the Italian style and [illegible] ably with the many improvements [illegible] are the ornaments of Fort Washington. It [illegible] about a quarter of a mile [illegible] hundred feet above the Hudson, and is [illegible] a very extensive prospect up and down the river. The grounds and the extent of ten acres were laid out with great taste and are highly ornamented. The insurance on the house was for [illegible] third of its value, and the furniture was [illegible] the extent of $2,000, both in the Union Mutual Insurance Company.

Mr. CHARLES M. CONNOLLEY, of No. 42 Wall street, sent to Washington Hall, in High [illegible] and ordered a meal for a hundred persons for the afternoon. About eighty persons of the town at the time of the fire the fog was so thick that even after the flames burst out the fire could not be seen at any considerable distance.

EFFECT OF THE NEWS IN THE CITY.

The terrible news of the calamity reached the City on Saturday about 10 A. M. It excited the liveliest interest and sympathy. The relatives and friends of the family immediately set out to visit the scene. Rev. Dr. Osborne, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, was among the number. The family were communicants of his Church, Mr. Haven being among its oldest members. He was very much affected and mentioned many instances in which that SARAH had sent him, but a few weeks since considerable sum of money, as a contribution to "the Sisters" for the poor.

MR. HAVEN'S FAMILY.

Mr. HAVEN is a native of New-Hampshire, of about 65 years of age, and is engaged in business on Beaver-street. The maiden name of Mrs. HAVEN was LINCOLN. She was a native of New-Hampshire. The parents, as may be well imagined, are overwhelmed at their loss. Mrs. ANNA is at the residence of Mr. CONNOLLEY, and is slowly recovering. Her throat is thought by the Faculty to have been burned, as it is quite sore. She has not yet been told of the loss of her sisters. Her sister HELEN visited her this morning and although quite overcome herself, she knew how to rally herself so perfectly as to appear composed and give no intimation of the dreadful reality. When she left ANNA's room she very nearly fainted in the arms of Mr. CONNOLLEY.

Yesterday the bodies were at the house of Mr. HOPKINS. That of SARAH was not shown. The face of GRACE was said to be but little changed, while the features of MARY were almost life-like in their expression, with not even the loss of death. She seemed rather to be disgusted with life, and still retained the remarkable beauty of her life.

There were seven sisters in the family—Anna, who was rescued; ANGUSTA, the wife of Mr. HOPKINS; SARAH, MARY and GRACE, who were burned, and HELEN and FANNY, the last of whom were absent at the time in the City.

The inscriptions on the coffins read thus:

"SARAH LINCOLN HAVEN,
Born Oct. 12, 1828."

"ANNA MARY HAVEN,
Born Aug. 2, 1826."

"GRACE BURNS HAVEN,
Born Oct. 10, 1832."

The family was very remarkable for the love for each other, they were all so closely [illegible] their's was a delightful home to [illegible] three comparatively, SARAH was the most [illegible] and efficient; she was [illegible] practical, and had great [illegible] accomplishments in which [illegible] very beautiful, and was believed by all who knew her. GRACE was highly educated, and was remarkable for her scholarship.

THE FUNERAL.

Will take place to-morrow, at 2 P. M., from the residence of Mr. HOPKINS, near the scene of the calamity. The bodies will be deposited in the family tomb on the estate. Rev. Dr. OSBORNE will officiate on the occasion.

ACCIDENT TO A FIREMAN.

A fireman was run over by a hose carriage and had his leg broken. He was also [illegible] injured in the head.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

GREAT FIRE AT LYNCHBURG, VA.

LYNCHBURG, [illegible]

Mr. S. C. HERRING—Sir: Early this morning I was visited by a large and destructive fire, which is still being consumed.

The occupant of one of them, Mr. [illegible] with one of Herring's Fire Proof Safes, which I have been to-day from the ruins, and [illegible] out of it was opened and the [illegible] and in perfection.

This is the first test applied to your safes here, and it is considered perfectly satisfactory.

Yours truly, J. H. THOMPSON & CO.

PIANOS! PIANOS!—AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT of Pianos of every variety of style, compass and quality, including Grand, Square and Cottage Pianos, of the celebrated Boston make; and the new and improved Western Pianos. Persons wishing Pianos will find it to their interest to call at the Warerooms, No. 365 Broadway, where they will find a large assortment, from $60 to $1000. Pianos to rent, and the rent allowed in part payment if the instrument is purchased. Pianos tuned and repaired. A. H. & E. W. Gale's Melodeons, prepared for hard climates, from $100 to $150. Melodeons, $60, $65, $70, $80, $85, $100, $110, $120, $130, $140, $150. Black walnut cases, $10 extra. Melodeons, suitable for churches, from former price $150 to $200.

HORACE WATERS, No. 333 Broadway.

DAMAGED SILKS.—WE WILL OFFER THIS MORNING 1,500 yards of rich plain silks of various colors, damaged by the water of innundation at St. Louis, worth 75 cts. to $1 per yard, at 37½ cents per yard. A. T. STEWART & CO.

No. 257 Broadway, corner Leonard-st.

PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES.—THE SUBSCRIBERS continue to manufacture (the only) but Patent Dovetailed Safes, with Bailey's Patent Bowing Fire Locks, which are now used in the Safes of Messrs. Herring, Farrel & Smith, Wright and Philadelphia. HILLIG & BRIDGEWATER.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY WILL HOLD HIS PUBLIC SALE of Horses, Carriages and Harness, every MONDAY at 12 o'clock, at the Bazaar, Broadway, corner of Spring-st. Sales commence promptly at 12 o'clock.

LYDIG & RATHBONE'S FIRE PROOF SAFES, WITH Bailey's Patent Dovetailed Bolts, are now in use in the Safes of Messrs. Herring, Farrel & Smith, Wright and Philadelphia. LYDIG & RATHBONE, Manufacturers, 110 Water-st.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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☞ Hamburg's Specific Salve—25 Cents a Box.—A certain remedy of 10 years' standing—a sure and speedy remedy for Burns, Scalds, Boils and all cutaneous injuries; recommended by physicians. Sold by all druggists in the United States. At 8 & 9, SANDS, C. V. CLICKENER & CO., 6 N. BING, New-York; and WM. E. HIRNER, Philadelphia.

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[illegible] of the Society of Agriculture of the American Institute, which occupied the remainder of the evening, the subject being "The Agricultural Features of the Country."

The paper, to the commencement, adverted to the [illegible] of system and order in the control of the affairs of farmers, which rendered the results obtained by the Mechanic in following the custom rather the exception of the farmer than his certain calculations which gave actual knowledge of the facts connected [illegible]. The paper then stated the amount of capital actually employed in agriculture in 1850, according to the census, which showed an aggregate in farms, farming utensils and implements of $2,080,000,000, while in manufactures, mining, the mechanic arts and fisheries, there was invested only $867,000,000, or less than one-seventh of that employed in agriculture. During the same year the amount employed in commerce and trade, &c., is $1,500,000,000. Less than one-third. This estimate, however, is of doubtful accuracy. The rural population is estimated at [illegible], or three-fourths of the whole living by agriculture, or one-half of the population of the land. The towns and village population amounts to 5,797,000. The importance of the department and trade remains in the exchange of agricultural products, so that the prosperity of those employed in these branches of industry depended on agriculture for their sustenance. In a letter written by Hon. L. F. Benson and published in the *Maine Farmer*, he estimates the annual income to agriculture at $5,000,000,000, and that to all other branches of agriculture at less than $1,000,000. The items of the statistics are as follows:

Population	23,191,876
Number of farms in 1850	1,449,073
Number of farms in 1840	1,059,413
Increase in 10 years	389,660
Number of acres in farms	293,560,614
Number of acres improved	113,032,614
Number of acres unimproved	180,528,000
Average number of acres to farm	203
Average number of acres improved to farm	78
Average number of acres unimproved to farm	125
Average cash value of farm, including fences and improvements	$3,967
Average value of farm, including stock, implements and machinery	$4,326
Average value of farm, including all	$4,727
Average value of farm land, per acre	$12 87
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the original Territories	1 56
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the organized Territories	5 36
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States	11 34
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, exclusive of the original Territories	11 84
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, exclusive of the organized Territories	12 20
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, there	10 17
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, there, exclusive of the original Territories	10 90
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, there, exclusive of the organized Territories	11 21
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, there, exclusive of the original Territories	7.71
Average value of farm land, per acre, in the United States, there, exclusive of the organized Territories	11.21
The aggregate value of farm land in the United States, there, exclusive of the original Territories	2,080,000,000
The aggregate value of farm land in the United States, there, exclusive of the organized Territories	1,500,000,000
The aggregate value of farm land in the United States, there, exclusive of the original Territories, per cent	72
The aggregate value of farm land in the United States, there, exclusive of the organized Territories, per cent	90
The aggregate value of farm land in the United States, there, exclusive of the original Territories, per cent	90

AUCTION SALES.

GREAT AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

[illegible] WITHOUT RESERVE.

By order of REMEN & POWER.

COMMENCING MONDAY, JAN. 14.

THE YORK [illegible] days, to be sold at public auction, [illegible] Office, [illegible] Office, [illegible] Office

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